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For Immediate Release

EAGLES OPEN OVC PLAY AT AUSTIN PEAY

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University's Football Eagles open Ohio Valley Conference play Saturday (Oct. 10) when they travel to Clarksville, Tenn., to take on Austin Peay's Governors. Kickoff time at Municipal Stadium is 8:30 p.m. CDT.

Morehead State is 1-3 on the season, having beaten Kentucky State (37-0) and lost to Marshall (29-0), James Madison (44-10) and Southern Arkansas (38-23). Austin Peay is 1-4. The Governors opened the season with a 26-22 victory at Kansas State, and have since lost to UT-Martin (30-10), Southern Illinois (10-3), Tennessee Tech (14-9) and Middle Tennessee (38-16). APSU is 0-2 in the OVC.

The story of the Governors' season can be traced to the UT-Martin game. After defeating NCAA Division I-A Kansas State on the road to open the season, APSU traveled to UT-Martin with high hopes. However, early in the UT-Martin game, APSU quarterback Dale Edwards suffered a broken leg, an injury that will probably sideline him for the rest of the season. The Governor offense has had problems moving the football since then.

"It can be devastating to lose a quality quarterback like Edwards," said MSU Coach Bill Baldridge. "They've had their problems on offense, but in the latter stages of the Middle Tennessee game, they began to get things together. They may have found an answer at quarterback in Rico Ransom. He's an outstanding athlete with good size and ability."

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Ransom, a 6-4 junior, has been a receiver for most of the season, but played quarterback in high school and some in practice for APSU. Against Middle Tennessee, he passed for 125 yards and one touchdown. Ransom's favorite targets are split end Dean Edwards who has 15 catches for 196 yards on the season and tailback Mike Lewis who has 15 catches for 124 yards. Lewis is APSU's leading rusher, averaging 46.6 yards per game.

While the Eagles took last Saturday off and have had a chance for bumps and bruises to heal, there is still a question mark about the status of quarterback Chris Swartz. Swartz, who suffered a cracked rib against Southern Arkansas, is listed as doubtful for Saturday's game. If Swartz is unable to play Lance Jansen, who started MSU's opening game against Marshall, will get the call.

"We had a chance to clear up some minor injuries," Baldridge said. "Chris (Swartz) is still doubtful, but aside from that, we could have most of the people who started against Marshall in our opener ready for this week."

The Eagles take on Austin Peay, then return home to face Tennessee Tech on Oct. 17. Following the Tennessee Tech game, MSU has another week off.

"We like the way our schedule worked out this year," Baldridge said. "We had a week off before the conference schedule, and then after two games, we get another break. Hopefully, we can use these times to rest to our advantage."

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EAGLE TENNIS TEAM INVITES PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- The Morehead State University men's tennis team will benefit from the Fall Classic Open Tennis Tournament, to be held Oct. 23-25 on the MSU campus.

Competitions will be held in men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. There will be four divisions: Open, open to any player; B, for intermediate players; C, for novice players; and Junior Veteran, for players 35 years of age or older.

All proceeds from the tournament will be used by the MSU men's tennis team to purchase equipment and pay travel costs for the 1987-88 tennis season.

Players may enter up to three events, including doubles. The cost is \$8 for each singles competition and \$12 for each doubles team. The entry deadline is Oct. 20.

Entry forms and more information are available by writing Jace Nathanson at P.O. Box 337, Morehead, KY 40351, or by calling Nathanson at 606-784-4336.

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EAGLES AND LADY EAGLES WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN "MIDNIGHT MADNESS"

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- "Midnight Madness" has struck the coaching staffs of the Morehead State University men's and women's basketball teams, and all Eagle and Lady Eagle fans are urged to join in.

The NCAA does not allow college basketball teams to begin organized practice until Oct. 15, and Eagles and Lady Eagles will start as soon as the NCAA allows. At 12:01 a.m. (that's one minute after midnight), Eagle Coach Tommy Gaither and Lady Eagle Coach Loretta Marlow will send their respective squads onto the Wetherby Gymnasium floor for the first official workout of the season.

The "Midnight Madness" is just another part of Homecoming week on the MSU campus. Activities at Wetherby Gymnasium will actually get underway at approximately 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14, or immediately following the Lee Greenwood-Keith Whitley concert which is being held in the Academic-Athletic Center. Fans attending the concert are urged to go directly to Wetherby Gym following the performance.

Many pre-practice activities are scheduled for "Midnight Madness". MSU students in attendance will be eligible to win two \$100 scholarships that will be given away. In addition, all in attendance will be eligible to win pizzas from Mr. Gatti's, Domino's and Pasquale's, and dinners from Long John Silver's and Druther's.

Gaither and Marlow will introduce the 1987-88 Eagles and Lady Eagles, and both teams will have brief intrasquad scrimmages.

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The unique golf outing will be played with special golf balls that glow in the dark. The format will be nine-hole scramble, and the cost is only a \$35 donation. The entry donation includes the special golf ball. Each participant is asked to bring a flashlight.

"This type of golf outing has been held at other institutions and at other golf courses with great success," said EAF Director Jim Caudill. "Participants as a rule have a great deal of fun. It is a new way to play golf at an unusual time of day."

Proceeds will benefit the MSU golf team. For reservations or for more information, interested individuals may call Caudill at 606-783-2388.

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MSU BASEBALL PLAYER JOINES ATHLETES IN ACTION

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Kyle Crager, a second-baseman/designated hitter for Steve Hamilton's Eagles, is currently playing hardball for Athletes in Action this summer in Alaska.

Athletes in Action is an organization that sends out teams of college Christian all-stars to tour a variety of countries around the world. This organization started in 1966 when Dave Hannah, now Director of Athletics in Action, approached Dr. Bill Bright with the concept of a worldwide ministry to athletes. Since then, Athletes in Action has been actively involved with professional and college athletes and coaches around the world.

Kyle is a 1985 graduate of Rowan County High School, and like most youngsters started playing baseball at an early age. He first joined organized baseball at the T-ball level before moving on to the little league and then pony league.

Like many from this area, Kyle learned from some fine teaches. He played high school baseball under Larry Hardin, legion baseball under Don Hardin and now college baseball under Steve Hamilton. Last year he played in the Stan Musial league in Ashland.

"It's an honor to be selected to play for Athletes in Action," MSU's head baseball coach and acting athletic director praised. "He's a fine representative of MSU and I'm sure this experience will help him personally and the competition will be of great benefit."

Kyle is a math and public relations major at MSU where he is an honor student. He will also be co-president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter at MSU for 1988-89.

Kyle is also the third generation to participate in athletics at MSU from the Crager family. His grandfather, Denver Ball of Ashland, came to MSU on a football scholarship in 1935.

Kyle's father, Buford Crager, a professor at MSU, came to MSU from Prestonsburg on a football scholarship in 1957. Buford holds the MSU record for the longest kickoff return (100 yds.). He also played baseball his freshman year.

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TWO EAGLES NAMED ALL-OVC AS 1987 SEASON ENDS

MOREHEAD, Ky.-----Although Morehead State's baseball season ended with a doubleheader loss to the University of Kentucky (13-4/11-7), the Eagles did receive encouraging news about two MSU's players.

Rightfielder Bryan Capnerhurst and third baseman Kenny Meadows, MSU's top two hitters respectively, were both named first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference Northern Division.

Capnerhurst, a 6-0 junior from Canton, Michigan, led the team in home runs (8), slugging percentage (.697) and batting average (.385). He now has a .349 career batting average at MSU in three seasons.

Meadows, a 6-1 freshman from Lilburn, Georgia, was the biggest surprise for head coach Steve Hamilton this year. Attending MSU on a football scholarship, Meadows led the team in hits (58), runs-batted-in (38) and doubles (10) while finishing with the team's second best batting average (.363).

Capnerhurst played for Coach Fred Crissey at Plymouth Canton High School where he was an all-state selection his senior year.

Meadows played under Al Thees at Berkmar High School where he holds the record for most runs-batted-in in a single season (44).

The Eagles ended the 1987 season with a 14-28 overall record, just the second losing campaign in 12 years under Hamilton.

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QUOTES FROM STEVE HAMILTON

"I think the 1983 tournament in Morehead was the most exciting tourney I witnessed. We had to play Murray three times in order to advance."

"Rain had caused a tremendous delay and it took us 12 days to get the whole thing in. Murray beat us in the second game causing a third and final showdown."

"We scored three runs in the 8th inning to win it. Murray had the bases loaded in the 9th with two outs and scored two runs on a double that nearly cleared the fence for a grand slam. The next batter popped out to end the game and we were on our way to the NCAA tournament where we finished as runnerup in the Mideast Regional at Ann Arbor, Mich."

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Austin Peay flanker Todd Seiple is the son of former University of Kentucky standout Larry Seiple. The elder Seiple also played with the Miami Dolphins.

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MCINTYRE NAMED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MVP FOR AUSTIN PEAY GAME

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Monty McIntyre, a 5-11, 180-pound senior defensive back from Georgetown, Ky., and Scott Co. High School has been named the Morehead State University Alumni Association's Most Valuable Player for his play in the Eagles' 20-13 loss to Austin Peay.

A picture of McIntyre and his statistics from the game are being displayed in MSU's Adron Doran University Center and \$100 will be donated in his name to a scholarship fund sponsored by the Alumni Association. The fund was begun on Feb. 21, 1987, when \$500 was given in the name of Phil Simms, MSU alumnus and quarterback of the World Champion New York Giants.

McIntyre returned the opening kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown. He also intercepted his third pass of the season and was credited with two unassisted tackles.

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EAGLES PLAY HOST TO GOLDEN EAGLES IN HOMECOMING '87 GAME

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University's Football Eagles play host to Tennessee Tech's Golden Eagles in the Homecoming '87 game Saturday (Oct. 17) at 1:30 p.m. at Jayne Stadium-Jacobs Field.

The MSU Eagles could well enter the game without the sideline services of Head Coach Bill Baldrige. At this writing, Baldrige was hospitalized in Nashville's (Tenn.) St. Thomas Hospital undergoing tests to determine the cause of chest pains he began having following MSU's 20-13 overtime loss at Austin Peay last Saturday.

Following the game in Clarksville, Baldrige was taken to Clarksville Memorial Hospital. He spent Saturday and Sunday nights there while doctors monitored and stabilized his condition. On Monday, he was transferred to St. Thomas.

While Baldrige is away from the office and field, Assistant Head Coach Matt Ballard is in charge of the Eagle football program.

"Coach Baldrige is so highly thought of by everybody, from the players to the assistant coaches to the fans, it's obvious we're missing him a great deal," Ballard said. "But being the competitor he is, we know he'll bounce back quickly and that he expects us to carry on with game preparation and all other facets of the program."

MSU will take a 1-4 record into the contest, including an 0-1 Ohio Valley Conference mark. Tennessee Tech is 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Eagle quarterback Chris Swartz missed the Austin Peay game with a cracked rib. His status for the Tennessee Tech game is still questionable. Lance Jansen passed for 170 yards on 20 of 34 passing as the Eagle starting signal caller.

While MSU was losing at Austin Peay, Tech was beaten 18-15 at home by Youngstown State. The Golden Eagles had opened their conference season with a 14-9 win at Austin Peay.

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Tech is led by quarterback Patrick Pope, who has passed for 767 yards and rushed for 229 yards. Runningback Lorenza Rivers has rushed for 308 yards. Linebacker Thomas Squires leads the Golden Eagle defense with 60 defensive plays.

Tennessee Tech leads the series between the two schools 24-17-1. The team's first met in 1936.

Morehead State won last year at Tech 38-20. Eagle quarterback Adrian Breen hit 23 of 29 passes for 279 yards and three touchdowns.

MSU's Homecoming Queen will be crowned in halftime ceremonies.

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Dear Media Representative:

Morehead State University's men's and women's basketball teams will hold their 1987-88 Media Day on Oct. 22 at 12-noon.

Activities will get underway with individual interviews and pictures of the Lady Eagle basketball team at noon. At 1 p.m., we will have lunch and both Lady Eagle Coach Loretta Marlow and Eagle Coach Tommy Gaither will address the group. At 2 p.m., members of the Eagle basketball team and staff will be available for individual interviews and pictures.

All activities will be held in the Academic-Athletic Center and Ellis Johnson Arena.

We hope you make plans to attend. We believe this will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet the new Lady Eagle players and the new Eagle players and coaching staff.

Please call our office by Tuesday, Oct. 20, to let us know your plans. Any and all members of your staff are welcome. Also, when you call, if you have any special requests, please let us know. Our office number is 606-783-2500.

Thanks always for your coverage of the Eagles and Lady Eagles. We look forward to seeing you on Oct. 22.

Sincerely,


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(11:30 a.m. EDT)

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MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University Head Football Coach Bill Baldridge could be released from St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., as early as this weekend following a successful balloon angioplasty performed there this morning to relieve blockage in an artery near his heart, according to his wife.

Baldridge was rushed to Clarksville (Tenn.) Memorial Hospital last Saturday (Oct. 10) following MSU's 20-13 loss at Austin Peay, complaining of severe chest pains. Following two nights at Clarksville Memorial, he was transferred to St. Thomas, where yesterday a cardiac catheterization indicated a 75 percent blockage of an artery near his heart. This blockage had not yet caused damage to the heart, but was causing angina or pain resulting from an insufficient flow of blood to the heart. Doctors decided last evening to perform the balloon procedure this morning.

"His doctors have told me that everything went well, and that they are very satisfied," said Janie Baldridge from St. Thomas Hospital. "They have indicated that he could be moved into a regular room (from the Special Care Unit) as early as tomorrow and could be released from the hospital sometime this weekend.

"We are very thankful that everything has gone well. The staffs at Clarksville Memorial and at St. Thomas have been wonderful throughout this difficult time."

There has not been a discussion, yet, as to when Baldridge could return to work. In the interim, Assistant Head Coach Matt Ballard is in charge of the Eagle football program. MSU plays host to Tennessee Tech this Saturday.

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The Ohio Valley Conference has passed out player of the week honors to MSU players on three occasions this season. Quarterback Chris Swartz earned Rookie of the Week honors for his play against both Southern Arkansas and Kentucky State. Safety Kenny Meadows was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week for his play against James Madison.

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Following is a list of the MSU Alumni Association MVP's so far this season: Marshall-Jeff Hester, Kentucky State-Chris Swartz, James Madison-Kenny Meadows, Southern Arkansas-Chris Swartz, and Austin Peay-Monty McIntyre.

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The 11 members of the 1987 MSU Homecoming Court, along with sponsoring organizations are: Michaelle Bates, junior, Topmost, Ky.-Kappa Delta; Christi Beaver, junior, Phelps, Ky.-Sigma Pi; Margaret Blackwell, junior, Frankfort, Ky.-Sigma Phi Epsilon; Dana Dotson, junior, Frankfort, Ky.-Delta Zeta; Kim Easterling, senior, Ashland, Ky.-Delta Gamma; Marilyn Jones, senior, Sharpsburg, Ky.-Alpha Kappa Alpha; Sue Anne Litton, sophomore, Maysville, Ky.-Delta Tau Delta; Ada Miracle, junior, Garrison, Ky.-Chi Omega; Paula Newberry, sophomore, Cincinnati, Ohio-Gamma Beta Phi; Kelly Newsom, junior, Lynchburg, Ohio-Alumni Tower; and Cindy Patrick, junior, West Union, Ohio-Theta Chi.

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Checking the Ohio Valley Conference statistics...TTU ranks second in team offense (365.4 yards per game), while MSU ranks seventh in team defense (377.0 yards per game)...MSU ranks sixth in team offense

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(294.2 yards per game), while TTU ranks fifth in team defense (324.2 yards per game)...MSU is first in turnover margin (+8), while TTU is third (+4)...MSU is second in net punting (34.2) and TTU is third (33.5)... In passing, TTU's Patrick Pope and MSU's Chris Swartz rank third and fourth, respectively...In punting, TTU's Tracy Graham and MSU's Greg Burke rank first and second, respectively...Pope is second in total offense (199.2) and Swartz is fifth (134.2)...TTU's Jimmy Isom ranks first in both punt returns (14.1) and interceptions (4)...MSU's Tony Sergeant is first in tackles for losses (9 for 55 yards).

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Tennessee Tech is especially dangerous when returning kicks. Jimmy Isom is the top punt returner in the conference averaging 14.1 yards per return, and Lorenza Rivers ranks second in kickoff returns averaging 25.5 yard per punt.

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MSU quarterback Chris Swartz who suffered a cracked rib in the Southern Arkansas game, missed the Austin Peay contest. His status for this week is questionable. Lance Jansen is listed as the Eagle starter.

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MSU freshman offensive lineman Larry Szczerba, who is being red-shirted this season, underwent successful reconstructive knee surgery earlier this week. Szczerba suffered a knee injury during a high school all-star game during the summer.

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Roddy Peters, one of the newcomers to the Eagle basketball team, will have outpatient surgery on Monday to place a pin in his foot to speed the healing process of a Jones' fracture of a fifth metatarsal (little toe). He will probably be out of action until the first of the year.

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Approximately 30 members of the Eagle football team have been suffering from an unknown stomach ailment. All have recovered enough to play in today's game, but many were forced to miss practice time this week. The Eagle coaching staff believes this may leave some players a little out of condition and may require more than usual substitution.

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Swartz hit 35 of 66 passes for 336 yards and two touchdowns. His 66 attempts is a new MSU and Ohio Valley Conference record. His 35 completions is an MSU record. His 66 attempts without an interception is an NCAA Division I-AA record.

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SWARTZ NAMED OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

For the third time this season, Chris Swartz has been named the Ohio Valley Conference's Rookie of the Week. He was honored on this occasion for his play against Tennessee Tech. He was previously honored for his play against Kentucky State and Southern Arkansas.

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"Coach Baldridge is spending as much time as possible in the office this week," Ballard said. "He's gradually getting his strength back, and most importantly, he's not trying to overdo it. We expect him back at full strength in the near future."

Freshman quarterback Chris Swartz provided the Eagles with a bright spot in the Tennessee Tech game. The Owingsville native hit 35 of 66 passes for 336 yards and two touchdowns. Both his 35 completions and his 66 attempts are MSU records. His 66 attempts is an Ohio Valley Conference record. And, his 66 attempts in one game without an interception is an NCAA Division I-AA record. He was named MSU's Alumni Association player-of-the game for the third time this season. He was also named the Ohio Valley Conference's Rookie of the Week for the third time.

The Eagles travel to Murray State on Oct. 31 for a 4 p.m. EDT game against the Racers. MSU will take a 1-5 record and a 0-2 OVC mark into the contest.

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EAGLES GET WEEK OFF, TRAVEL TO MURRAY STATE ON OCT. 31

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University's Football Eagles are certainly welcoming some time off, following one of the most bizarre weeks a college football team should ever have to go through.

First, there was the medical saga of Head Coach Bill Baldrige. Baldrige suffered severe chest pains following MSU's loss at Austin Peay on Oct. 10. He was rushed to Clarksville (Tenn.) Memorial Hospital, where he spent two nights. On Monday, Oct. 12, he was transferred to St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. On Tuesday, Oct. 13, a cardiac catheterization indicated a 75 percent blockage in an artery near the heart. On Wednesday, Oct. 14, he underwent a successful balloon angioplasty to repair the blockage. The procedure was so successful that Baldrige was released on Friday, Oct. 16, and returned to Morehead. On game day against Tennessee Tech (Oct. 17), Baldrige was at Jayne Stadium watching the game.

Secondly, and at the same time period of Baldrige's physical problems, nearly 30 members of the Eagle squad came down with a food-borne virus. Many players missed practice, and, as a result, were not at full strength for the homecoming clash against Tech.

Finally, Tennessee Tech's big-play offense got in gear on the first play from scrimmage when Lorenza Rivers ran 68 yards for a touchdown. The Golden Eagles went on to roll up a school-record 631 yards in total offense and to score a 52-14 victory.

"What an unbelievable week!" said Assistant Head Coach Matt Ballard, who was in charge of the team during Baldrige's absence. "Everybody's mind was on coach Baldrige, and then half of the team got sick. Practice and conditioning time were affected, and we weren't at full strength. Then, boom, they get a big play on us right away."

With all that behind them, the Eagles were given Monday and Tuesday off, then were scheduled to head back to the practice field on Wednesday (Oct. 21).

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LADY EAGLES PREPARE FOR WRIGHT STATE, EASTERN, BEAT XAVIER

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- The Morehead State Lady Eagle volleyball team has rebounded from an early season slump and will take their 12-7 record including a six-game winning streak on the road.

The Lady Eagles continued their winning ways by defeating Xavier University on Tues., Oct. 20 in four games, 12-15, 15-13, 15-12 and 15-5.

It was the second victory by MSU over the Lady Musketeers this season. The first victory in Cincinnati proved to be a turning point for the Lady Eagles.

Middle hitter Deborah Bryant (5-10, So., Oxford, Mich.), who came on strong during the final match of the mid-season OVC tournament, was again the leader on offense for MSU. Bryant had a .545 hitting percentage, scoring kills on eight of 11 attempts with two errors.

Defensively, freshman Dayle Hamontree (5-8, OH/B, Rolling Meadows, Ill.) had 18 digs, while senior Lisa Laird (6-0, MB, Columbia, S.C.) contributed with five assist blocks.

"They won more on determination than on volleyball skills," said MSU head coach Jim McClellan. "After five victories in the mid-season tournament, they came out a little flat. But turning that into a victory really shows their determination to win."

MSU will take their six game winning streak on the road to Dayton, Ohio, on Tues., Oct. 27 when they face the Raiders of Wright State University.

The Lady Eagles fell to WSU once this season, losing in four games 15-11, 12-15, 14-16 and 9-15.

The Raiders post a 15-7 record and will host a four team tournament (WSU, Wayne State, Central State and Chicago State) before meeting the Lady Eagles on Tues.

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It's back to conference action as MSU travels to Richmond, Ky., to meet OVC northern division foe Eastern Kentucky University on the Lady Colonels' home court.

The Lady eagles have split both matches this year with EKU. The first was a loss coming in the consolation game of the University of Kentucky Kick-Off Klassic.

MSU soon avenged themselves, whipping the Lady Colonels at Youngstown State, 15-12, 15-8, 10-15 and 15-8. The Lady eagle victory broke an EKU 49-game winning streak dating back to October 1983.

McClellan hopes to retain the one-match lead in the OVC northern division.

"With a one game lead, we've got a good chance of winning the northern division," McClellan said. "The girls think they can win, which is half of the battle."

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EAF NITE LITE GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Passersby on US Highway 60 were probably shocked to see a number of small, glowing objects flying through the air over the Morehead State University Golf Course one night last week.

There was no need to alert the Air Force, however. It was just the special glow-in-the-dark golf balls being used at the First Eagle Athletic Fund Nite Lite Golf Tournament. Six teams participated in the scramble format outing which didn't begin until 8 p.m.

"Everybody who participated had a great time," said EAF Director Jim Caudill. "We're looking forward to having another one next spring or summer when the weather is warmer. I think that by word of mouth we will have a much larger turnout next time."

The winning team shot a three-under-par 32 and included Greenup, Ky., natives Harold Wallace and Joe Noble, and Morehead residents Mike Brown, Pat Serey, and Bill Bradley. Charlie Fields of Morehead won a golf bag for a closest to the pin award. The golf bag was donated by Tom Shay of Fairway Discount Golf of Ashland.

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FOOTBALL EAGLES RETURN TO ACTION AT MURRAY STATE

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University's Football Eagles will try to get back on the winning track when they travel to Murray State University this Saturday (Oct. 31) for a 2 p.m. CST contest at Roy Stewart Stadium.

The Eagles will take a 1-5 overall record and a 0-2 Ohio Valley Conference mark into the contest. Murray State is 4-3 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Morehead State has lost four games in a row since a 37-0 victory over Kentucky State on Sept. 12. The Eagles last played on Oct. 17, when they lost 52-14 to Tennessee Tech. The Racers have won two in a row, including a 24-21 road win over Tennessee Tech last Saturday.

Two Eagles are coming off outstanding offensive efforts. Quarterback Chris Swartz hit 35 of 66 passes for 336 yards and two touchdowns in the loss to Tech. Wide receiver Dave Pingue caught 10 of those passes for 128 yards and both touchdowns. Swartz's 35 completions are a school record. His 66 attempts are a school record and an OVC mark. His 66 attempts in one game without an interception is an NCAA Division I-AA record.

Murray State's balanced offense features the talents of quarterback Michael Proctor. Proctor has hit 91 of 177 passes for 1,473 yards and eight touchdowns. The Racer defense is led linebackers Jon Tharpe and Willie Prather, who have made 83 and 70 defensive plays, respectively.

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"We've spent the past week trying to get healthy and get back to doing some of the positive things we were doing early in the season," Baldrige said. "We still have some players recovering from that food-borne virus that weakened us for the Tech game.

"Murray State is a fine team. They like to get a lead and control the tempo of the game. They have outstanding skill people."

Baldrige is back in the office and on the sidelines full time now, following a balloon angioplasty to correct a blocked artery near his heart.

"I'm doing much better," Baldrige said. "I'm having to adjust to my medication and to my diet, but I'm thankful that everything has turned out well."

Following the game at Murray, the Eagles return home on Nov. 7 to play host to Middle Tennessee State.

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EAGLES TRAVEL TO THREE AREA COMMUNITIES FOR INTRASQUAD SCRIMMAGES

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- First-year Head Coach Tommy Gaither will take his Morehead State University Basketball Eagles to three area communities for intrasquad scrimmages over the next two weeks.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the Eagles will scrimmage at Fleming Co. High School in Flemingsburg. On Friday, Nov. 6, West Carter High School in Olive Hill will be the scrimmage site. Then, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Eagles will travel to Montgomery Co. High School in Mt. Sterling. All three scrimmages will get underway at 7 p.m. EST.

In all cases, the scrimmages are being sponsored by local civic groups.

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1987 All-OVC Team

Jennifer Pendleton	Murray State University
Becky Murray	Tennessee Tech University
Anne Bradley	Morehead State University
Melissa Blanford	Morehead State University
Patty Kantz	Eastern Kentucky University
Dayle Hamontree	Morehead State University
Connie Caldwell	Austin Peay State University
Deb Winkler	Eastern Kentucky University

1987 All-OVC Tournament Team

Dayle Hamontree	Morehead State University
Jenny Turner	Tennessee Tech University
Deb Winkler	Eastern Kentucky University
Mary Granger	Eastern Kentucky University
Melissa Blanford	Morehead State University
Anne Bradley	Morehead State University
Karen Pressley	Tennessee Tech University
Patty Kantz	Eastern Kentucky University

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MSU ANNOUNCES 1987 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Eight home dates and a nearly complete All-Division I schedule highlight the MSU volleyball slate for the 1987 season.

The Lady Eagles, 28-14 last year, will open the 1987 campaign on Sept. 4-5 as participants in the University of Kentucky Kick-Off Classic, a field that includes UK, Louisville and Eastern Kentucky.

MSU's home-date opponents include Eastern Michigan (Sept. 12), Evansville (Sept. 19), Wright State (Sept. 19), Tennessee State (Oct. 16-17), Xavier (Oct. 20), Midway (Oct. 29) and Marshall (Nov. 3).

"It's not the toughest schedule, but considering 75 percent of our team next year will be freshmen and sophomores, it's a very good schedule to allow young players to obtain experience," head coach Jim McClellan said. "With the exception of one team, we have a complete Division I schedule."

MSU will host the OVC Mid-Season Tournament on Oct. 16-17 which includes Southern Division foes Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee, Murray State and Tennessee State.

"I think the Southern Division teams will overall be stronger next year," McClellan remarked. "EKU should still be the team to beat in the league."

This year's schedule also has MSU playing in the South Alabama Tournament on Nov. 7.

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MSU SIGNS THREE VOLLEYBALL RECRUITS

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State volleyball coach Jim McClellan has added three players to his squad for the 1987 season.

Barb Case, Patricia Fulk and Dayle Hamontree all signed national letters of intent to play at MSU next fall.

Case, a 5-11 outside-hitter and blocker from Dayton, Ky., was an all-district and all-region performer at Bellevue High School.

"Barb's all-around skills will make her an asset to our program," McClellan praised. "She is an intelligent player which should help her make the transition from high school to college."

Fulk has good size standing at 6-1 and will play the middle-hitter and blocker positions. The graduate of Antwerp (Ohio) High School was named all-district, all-conference, all-state and District Player of the Year.

"Patty is an excellent student with outstanding volleyball skills," McClellan said. "Her strength, size and intelligence will be a big plus to our program."

Hamontree is a 5-7½ outside-hitter and blocker from Rolling Meadows High School in Arlington Heights, Ill., that brings a great deal of experience to MSU. "Dayle is the most experienced high school player we have ever signed," McClellan added.

Hamontree played for the prestigious Circus Volleyball Club and was a member of the European Junior National Volleyball Championship team in 1985.

"With her determination and experience, Dayle should have an immediate impact on our program."

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GAME NOTES

Morehead State University vs. Murray State University

Oct. 31, 1987, 2 p.m. CST, Stewart Stadium

HOMEcoming '87 at Murray State

The two MSU's are meeting for the 49th time since 1936. Murray State leads the series 34-13-1.

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Last season, the Racers posted a 45-11 victory in Morehead. Rodney Payne rushed for 123 yards on 16 carries. Michael Proctor hit 10 of 15 passes for 257 yards.

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In 1985, in Murray, the Racers won 35-9, and have won four in a row in the series. Morehead State's last win over Murray State came in 1982, 13-10 in Morehead.

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Eagle quarterback Chris Swartz will be making his first appearance since his record-setting performance against Tennessee Tech. In that game, Swartz hit 35 of 66 passes for 336 yards and both Eagle touchdowns. His 35 completions mark is a school record. His total of 66 attempts is a school and Ohio Valley Conference record. And, his 66 attempts in one game without an interception is an NCAA Division I-AA record.

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Eagle Head Coach Bill Baldrige is back on the job full-time with a new diet and new medication. Other than the normal problems associated with change of diet and adjusting to medication, he is having no further complications following a balloon angioplasty to repair a blockage in an artery near his heart.

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GAME NOTES
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In the weights and measures department...the Eagle offensive front five averages 6-2, 256-pounds, and the Racer defensive front four averages 6-1, 236-pounds...the Eagle four defensive tackles and guards average 6-3, 242-pounds, and the Racer offensive front five averages 6-2, 249-pounds.

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Comparing the offenses and defenses:

Morehead State Rushing Offense, 87.0 ypg. (7th in OVC)

Murray State Rushing Defense, 160.1 ypg. (4th in OVC)

Morehead State Passing Offense, 217.0 ypg. (2nd in OVC)

Murray State Passing Defense, 163.7 ypg. (3rd in OVC)

Murray State Rushing Offense, 151.9 ypg. (4th in OVC)

Morehead State Rushing Defense, 218.2 ypg. (7th in OVC)

Murray State Passing Offense, 216.9 ypg. (3rd in OVC)

Morehead State Passing Defense, 201.2 ypg. (6th in OVC)

Morehead State Total Offense, 304.0 ypg. (6th in OVC)

Murray State Total Defense, 323.9 ypg. (5th in OVC)

Murray State Total Offense, 368.7 ypg. (2nd in OVC)

Morehead State Total Defense, 419.3 ypg. (7th in OVC)

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Eagle quarterback Chris Swartz has been named the OVC's rookie of the week three times (Kentucky State, Southern Arkansas, Tennessee Tech).

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The Eagle basketball team will scrimmage at three area high schools over the next two weeks. On Tuesday Nov. 3, the scrimmage site is Fleming Co. High School, Flemingsburg. On Friday, Nov. 6, the scrimmage site is West Carter High School, Olive Hill. On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the scrimmage site is Montgomery Co. High School, Mt. Sterling. All scrimmages begin at 7 p.m. EST, and in each case, a local civic organization is sponsoring the evening.

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JANSEN NAMED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MVP FOR MURRAY STATE GAME

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Lance Jansen, a 6-1, 180-pound junior quarterback from Naperville, Ill., has been named the Morehead State University Alumni Association's Most Valuable Player for his play in the Eagles' 53-15 loss to Murray State.

A picture of Jansen and his statistics from the game are being displayed in MSU's Adron Doran University Center and \$100 will be donated in his name to a scholarship fund sponsored by the Alumni Association. The fund was begun on Feb. 21, 1987 when \$500 was given in the name of Phil Simms, MSU Alumnus and quarterback of the World Champion New York Giants.

Jansen came off the bench to lead both Eagle touchdown drives. He rushed for 33 yards and scored a touchdown and hit 8 of 12 passes for 106 yards and a touchdown.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL DAY, PENNANT GIVE-A-WAY HIGHLIGHT EAGLE-BLUE RAIDER CLASH

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Area high school students and school officials will be guests of Morehead State University Saturday (Nov. 7) when the Eagles play host to Middle Tennessee State University. And, if they are among the first 1,000 fans to enter the stadium, they will receive an Eagle Football Pennant compliment's of Domino's Pizza.

It will be Public School Day on the MSU campus and at Jayne Stadium-Jacobs Field. Many school officials from throughout Eastern Kentucky will be on hand as guests of MSU President C. Nelson Grote.

In addition, Domino's Pizza is providing colorful Eagle Football Pennants.

MSU has lost five games in a row and will take a 1-5 overall record and a 0-3 Ohio Valley Conference mark into Saturday's 1:30 p.m. EST contest. Middle Tennessee is 4-4 overall and 2-1 in the OVC. The Blue Raiders are one-half game behind conference co-leaders Eastern Kentucky and Youngstown State.

A major contributing factor to the current Eagle losing streak is a streak of another kind...a streak of bad luck on the defensive side of the football. Injury after injury has plagued the MSU defenders.

"Because of injuries, we haven't started the same 11 players on defense in any two games," said Eagle Defensive Coordinator Matt Ballard. "In fact, we haven't had the same 11 to practice with for any two weeks.

"Missed practice time is as important as the missed game time. We've played guys in games on Saturday that have only been able to practice a day or day and a half during the week. There is no way a player can be completely ready to play when he hasn't been able to practice."

The latest injury is to linebacker Kevin Myers, who suffered a knee injury at Murray State and is lost for the season. Jay Koehler, a linebacker who was slated to be a defensive leader, played in only two games before he was lost for the season with a back problem. Lineman Ahmed Fowler played in less than two games is probably out for the year.

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"Our players have been courageous," Ballard said. "They have played hurt and given it everything they've had. We're banged up for this Saturday, but we're confident we'll get the best effort possible."

MTSU is led by quarterback Marvin Collier, who has rushed for 470 yards and six touchdowns and has passed for 792 yards and four touchdowns. Tailback Gerald Anderson has rushed for 763 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Defensively, the Blue Raiders are led by linebacker Don Thomas with 77 defensive plays and four interceptions.

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November 4, 1987

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Veterans Kevin Simpson and Michael Mason scored 25 points and 24 points, respectively, to lead the Gray to an 87-83 victory over the Blue in Morehead State University's first intrasquad basketball scrimmage of the season, held Tuesday evening at Fleming Co. High School in Flemingsburg.

The Eagles will be back in action Friday (Nov. 6) evening when they travel to West Carter High School in Olive Hill for a 7 p.m. EST scrimmage. Then, next Tuesday (Nov. 10), the Eagles will scrimmage at Montgomery Co. High School in Mt. Sterling.

Simpson and Mason got scoring support from juniors Darrin Hale and Tony Turner with 11 points each. Junior Bryant Carrington led Gray rebounders with 14. Turner handed out seven assists.

Junior Mike Chaney led the Blue with 23 points and senior Derrick Davis and junior Bo Rivers scored 20 points each. Davis led Blue rebounders with 10, and senior Talbert Turner handed out eight assists.

Morehead State Gray 42-45 87
Carrington 4 0-3 8, Hale 5 1-1 11, Mason 10 3-4 24, Mitchell 2 0-0 4,
Simpson 10 5-7 25, To. Turner 3 5-6 11, Lott 1 1-2 4, Totals 35 15-23 87.
Morehead State Blue 31-52 83
Chaney 9 5-6 23, Davis 8 3-5 20, Lott 2 0-0 6, Matthews 3 1-2 7,
Rivers 7 5-7 20, Ta. Turner 2 3-6 7, Totals 31 17-26 83.
Three Point Goals: Gray 2 (Mason 1, Lott 1), Blue 4 (Lott 2, Davis 1,
Rivers 1). Rebounds: Gray 44 (Carrington 14, Hale 7, Simpson 7),
Blue 46 (Davis 10, Matthews 9, Rivers 8). Shooting Percentage:
Gray 35-72-48.6%, Blue 31-71-43.7%.

1987-88 OUTLOOK

The 1987-88 Morehead State basketball program will have several new looks including first year head coach Tommy Gaither.

After guiding Baptist College to back-to-back 21-9 seasons and becoming the school's winningest coach (70-46 in four years), Gaither inherits a Morehead State team that finished 14-14 last season including an 8-6 mark in the Ohio Valley Conference which tied the Eagles for fourth with Austin Peay.

However, the Eagles lost four seniors including 6-9 center Bob McCann, the OVC's Player of the Year. McCann averaged 18.6 points per game and finished sixth in the nation in rebounding (11.3 rpg). Gaither's first priority was to find someone to fill the post position.

"You don't just go out and find someone to fill the shoes of a player like Bob McCann," Gaither said. "But, we have signed some fine recruits that we will fit into our style of play and will compliment a good nucleus of players returning."

MSU returns six lettermen and three starters including 6-4 guard Bo Rivers who was second on the team in both scoring (11.4 ppg) and rebounding (7.0 rpg). The junior from Haines City, Fla., was the team's best field goal shooter last season connecting on 56 percent.

Also returning is 1986-87 All-OVC freshman team selection Tony Curry. The 6-3 Louisville native averaged 10.1 ppg and handed out 80 assists in 28 games last year.

MSU's other returning starter is forward Derrick Davis, a 6-4 senior from Decatur, Ala., who averaged 9.5 ppg and 4.5 rpg.

Pushing for starting jobs this season will be Kevin Simpson (6-7, Jr.) and Michael Mason (6-2, Sr.). Simpson averaged 6.7 ppg and had a career high 26-point performance against Tennessee Tech last year. Mason averaged 7.3 ppg and 3.2 rpg and his exceptional leaping ability makes him a very exciting player to watch.

"There's no doubt a fine group of competitors return this year," Gaither praised. "We want to run with the ball this year and play pressure defense. We feel this group returning and our new recruits will enable us to play this style."

The new signees are guards Roddy Peters (6-6, Jr.) and Tony Turner (6-1, Jr.); forwards Ira Mitchell (6-6, Jr.) and Donnie Matthews (6-7, Fr.); and center Bryant Carrington (6-8, Jr.).

Peters is a transfer from Allegany Community College where he averaged 18.2 ppg and 5.8 apg. He is a native of Washington, D.C. Turner averaged 7.1 points and 7.2 assists per game at Independence Junior College in Independence, Kansas.

Mitchell transferred from Connors State Junior College in Oklahoma after averaging 15-points and 10-rebounds last season. He played high school ball at Northside in Memphis, Tenn. Matthews was coach Gaither's only freshman recruit. The Florence, S.C., native averaged 17.5 points and 12.0 rebounds per game at West Florence High School.

Carrington transferred from Allegany Community College where he averaged 10.3 points and 6.2 rebounds per game helping his team to a 76-5 record the last two seasons.

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MSU VOLLEYBALL TEAM WILL BE FIRST SEED OF OVC TOURNAMENT

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- The Morehead State University Lady Eagle volleyball team will be the top seed of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, Nov. 20-21, at Richmond, Ky., having shared the Northern Division championship with Eastern Kentucky University.

At the end of regular season conference play, MSU and Eastern were deadlocked at 3-1 in the Northern Division, losing one match to each other. A coin toss was used to determine both the site of the conference tournament and the first seed.

MSU split two matches with Eastern and Youngstown State in a conference tri-match at Richmond on Oct. 30-31 to end regular season conference play.

The Lady Eagles fell short in their match with the Lady Colonels, 16-14, 4-15, 10-15 and 14-16. The match, which lasted 2½ hours, proved to be a grueling struggle between two equally matched teams.

"We had a really good first game," said head coach Jim McClellan. "We just let them get back in the match during the second game."

After struggling in the second game, MSU put together a brilliant comeback until senior outside hitter Anne Bradley had to leave the game with a sprained ankle.

"I thought we had a chance to come back, then Bradley got hurt," McClellan said. "I don't know if we would have won, but it probably would have gone to five games. When you have a team leader hurt, it tends to take you out of the game psychologically."

MSU defeated Youngstown State for the second time this season, 15-8, 15-6, 12-15 and 15-4.

"It was hard for us play hard after such a grueling game the night before," said McClellan. "But when we lost the third game, we knew we had to come back strong in the fourth to take the match."

The Lady Eagles, with an overall record of 15-9 and an 8-1 mark in the OVC, continues to rank nationally both individually and as

a team.

Melissa Blanford (5-3, So., Setter, Louisville, Ky.) continues to lead the nation (Division I) in hitting percentage. Blanford has a kill percentage of .492. Middle hitter Debra Bryant (5-10, So., Oxford, Mich.) moved up three notches this week in hitting percentage. Bryant, in 46 games, had 113 kills with 33 errors in 202 total attempts for a kill percentage of .396.

As a team, MSU is seventh in the nation in ace average. Through 65 games, the Lady Eagles were averaging 3.215 aces per game.

Morehead State will finish the regular season on the road. MSU travels to Mobile, Ala. for the University of South Alabama Jaguar Classic Nov. 6-7. The Lady Eagles will then meet the Lady Toppers of Western Kentucky University on Nov. 13 in Bowling Green and finish by taking on OVC Southern Division leader Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. on Nov. 14. In a prior match with the Lady Governors, MSU won in four games.

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GAME NOTES

Morehead State University vs. Middle Tennessee State University
Nov. 7, 1987, Jayne Stadium-Jacobs Field, Morehead, Ky.

Morehead State and Middle Tennessee have met 37 times since 1950. The Blue Raiders lead the series 29-7-1.

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Last season, Middle Tennessee rolled to a 17-0 halftime lead in route to a 24-7 victory in Murfreesboro. Blue Raider quarterback Marvin Collier hit 10 of 19 passes for 177 yards. MTSU rolled up 416 yards in total offense to MSU's 136 yards.

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MTSU has won six games in a row over the Eagles. MSU last won in 1980, 17-10 in Murfreesboro.

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In the weights and measures department...MSU offensive front five averages 6-2, 256-pounds, while the MTSU defensive front four (guards and tackles) averages 6-1, 236-pounds...the MSU defensive front four (guards and tackles) averages 6-1, 242-pounds, while the MTSU offensive front five averages 6-1, 235-pounds.

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Comparing the offenses and defenses:

MSU Rushing Offense	85.7 ypg.	MTSU Passing Offense	107.3 ypg.
MTSU Rushing Defense	192.0 ypg.	MSU Passing Defense	204.0 ypg.
MSU Passing Offense	219.0 ypg.	MSU Total Offense	304.7 ypg.
MTSU Passing Defense	128.9 ypg.	MTSU Total Defense	320.9 ypg.
MTSU Rusing Offense	234.3 ypg.	MSU Total Defense	433.1 ypg.
MSU Rushing Defense	229.1 ypg.	MTSU Total Offense	341.5 ypg.

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GAME NOTES
2-2-2-2-2

Today's game matches the number one and two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference in turnover margin. Morehead State is first at +10, and Middle Tennessee is second at +9.

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Eagle quarterback Chris Swartz is the third ranked passer in the OVC, and three of his receivers are among the top eight in the conference. Monty Webster averages 4.1 catches per game and Dave Pingue and D.D. Harrison each average 3.4 catches per game.

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Eight of Middle Tennessee's 11 defensive starters are juniors.

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MSU's men's basketball team will scrimmage at Montgomery Co. High School at 7 p.m. EST on Tuesday (Nov. 10). On the same night, MSU's women's basketball team will scrimmage at Russell High School, also at 7 p.m. EST.

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Next weekend, the Eagles will travel to Youngstown State for a 4:30 p.m. EST game in Stambaugh Stadium. The Blue Raiders return home to play host to Murray State.

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METCALF, SERGENT SHARE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR MTSU GAME

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Mike Metcalf, a 6-1, 175-pound safety from Franklin Ky., and Franklin-Simpson High School, and Tony Sergent, a 6-0, 245-pound defensive tackle from Whitesburg (Ky.) High School, are the co-winners of the Morehead State University Alumni Association's Most Valuable Player Award for the Middle Tennessee game.

Pictures of Metcalf and Sergent and their statistics from the game are being displayed in MSU's Adron Doran University Center and \$100 will be donated in their names to a scholarship fund sponsored by the Alumni Association. The fund was begun on Feb. 21, 1987, when \$500 was given in the name of Phil Simms, MSU Alumnus and quarterback of the World Champion New York Giants.

Metcalf was credited with two unassisted tackles, two pass interceptions and a fumble recovery. Sergent was credited with seven unassisted tackles, one assisted tackle, three and one-half quarterback sacks for 32 yards in losses.

Metcalf was also named Ohio Valley Conference defensive player of the week for his play in MSU's 7-3 upset victory.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE STANDOUT SIGNS WITH EAGLES

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Carlos Alston, a 6-2, 185-pound guard, from Itawamba Junior College in Fulton, Mississippi has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Morehead State University.

Alston is a native of Charleston, S.C. and played prep basketball at Burke High School. His junior college coach is Wayne Newsom, in high school, he was coached by Earl Brown.

Last season, as a freshman at Itawamba, he averaged 19 points, 9 rebounds and 4 assists. As a senior at Burke High School, he was a first team all-stater and was South Carolina LOW COUNTRY Player-of-the Year.

"We were familiar with Carlos in high school and have followed his progress in junior college," said MSU head coach Tommy Gaither. "He's a tremendous talent with great athletic ability, who plays guard, but has the leaping ability to play a lot of positions.

"He played a post position in high school, but in junior college, he has made the transition to guard."

Alston is the first signee for MSU during the NCAA early signing period.

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EAGLES HOST YOUNGSTOWN STATE IN HOME FINALE

MOREHEAD, Ky.-----Morehead State will close out its home season this Saturday with a 1:30 p.m. Ohio Valley Conference clash with the Youngstown State Penguins.

The Eagles, 6-3 overall and 2-3 in the OVC, are hoping the home crowd will help end a three-game losing skid.

YSU, 1-8 overall and 1-4 in the OVC, has been the hard luck team of the OVC this season. The Penguins, under first-year coach Jim Tressel, have lost five games by a touchdown or less and four of those have been by three points or less.

"We need to get our kids back up for this one and hopefully our fans will come out and support us as we try to tie the school record for the most wins in a season," MSU head football coach Bill Baldrige said.

"We have lost three straight, but we have played three very good football teams and Youngstown's record is deceiving."

The Penguins have two very capable runners in Rod Love and Lorenzo Davis. Love, a junior from Miami, Fla., has 542 yards and four touchdowns on 125 carries while Davis, a sophomore from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., has gained 508 yards with seven touchdowns on 110 attempts.

Quarterback Trenton Lykes has completed 146 of 244 passes for 1,572 yards, nine interceptions and six touchdowns.

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YSU is averaging 352.7 yards per game on offense as a team, but is also yielding 405 yards per game.

However, MSU had its poorest offensive showing in a 24-7 loss at Middle Tennessee last week. The Eagles managed just 136 yards in total offense against the Blue Raiders.

Quarterback Adrian Breen leads the team with 1,788 yards passing on 165 of 271 attempts with 13 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

D.D. Harrison, out of the lineup last week with an injury, but expected back this Saturday, is MSU's leading ground gainer with 535 yards on 125 attempts with five touchdowns.

This will be the thirteenth meeting between MSU and YSU with each team owning six wins in the series.

The game has been designated Kentucky Publishing Company Family and Team Photo Day. Anyone bringing the special coupon ~~from any Kentucky Publishing Company newspaper~~ to the ticket gate can get their entire family into the game for \$3. Also, the first 1,000 people through the gate will receive a free team photo of the 1986 MSU Eagles.

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MSU ANNOUNCES SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR MSU-YSU FOOTBALL GAME

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Kentucky Publishing Company is sponsoring Family Day and Eagle Football Team Photo Day, Saturday, Nov. 15 when the Eagles host Youngstown State at 1:30 p.m. at Jayne Stadium.

Look for a special Family Day Coupon in any Kentucky Publishing Company Newspaper. Take the coupon to the ticket window at Jayne Stadium and for \$5 you and your entire family will be admitted to the general admission area. (No limit on number of persons admitted per coupon.)

Come early because the first 1,000 people entering the stadium will receive a free full-color Eagle Football Team Photo, compliments of the Kentucky Publishing Company.

Don't miss this special day, as the Eagles face Youngstown State in the final home game of a very special season.

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EAGLES-COLONELS CONTINUE RIVALRY ON LEGISLATIVE DAY

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University's Football Eagles close out the 1987 season when they play host to the nationally-ranked Eastern Kentucky Colonels Saturday (Nov. 21) at Jayne Stadium/Jacobs Field. Kickoff time is 1:30 p.m. EST.

Saturday's game is part of Legislative Day on the MSU campus. Area legislators will be in attendance as guests of President C. Nelson Grote.

Also, Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Jim Delany will be on hand to present MSU with the conference's first Academic Achievement Banner. Each year the banner will be awarded to the institution with the best overall academic record involving student-athletes who participate in conference-sponsored sports and invitational meets.

A lucky holder of a reserved seat ticket stub will win a three-day, two-night trip for two to Las Vegas compliments of Capital Travel of Frankfort.

The Eagles will be playing the game for pride and for all the bragging rights associated with victory in an MSU-EKU athletic contest. The Colonels, on the other hand, will have other accomplishments on their minds. If ECU can win on Saturday, it will be co-champions of the conference with Youngstown State and will advance to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs as a result of an earlier victory over Youngstown State.

MSU will take a 2-7-0 overall mark and a 1-4-0 OVC slate into the contest. ECU is 7-2-0 overall and 4-1-0 in the OVC and ranked in the top 10 nationally in the NCAA Division I-AA poll.

Offensively, the two teams are as different as the earth and the sky. MSU has had success through the air, averaging 230.4 yards per game passing and only 86.1 yards per game rushing. The Colonels are averaging 291.4 yards rushing and only 42.2 yards per game passing.

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EAGLES TAKE ON COLONELS

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MSU features freshman quarterback Chris Swartz who has hit 138 of 270 passes for 1,548 yards. His top receivers are senior Monty Webster with 38 catches for 410 yards and sophomore Dave Pinque with 28 catches for 331 yards.

EKU features tailbacks Elroy Harris and James Crawford. Harris is averaging 113.7 yards per game and Crawford is averaging 103.0 yards per game.

MSU will be without its leading rusher and second leading pass receiver D.D. Harrison on Saturday. Harrison, a senior from Henderson, Ky., suffered a knee injury against Youngstown State and will probably need knee surgery.

Harrison will among 13 Eagle seniors closing out their careers Saturday. The other 12 seniors are punter Greg Burke, tailback Jonathan Cage, defensive tackle Bob Cain, defensive tackle Keith Ferrell, defensive back Shane Fletcher, linebacker Jay Koehler, linebacker Dean Lape, safety Mike Metcalf, tight end Nick Miller, defensive tackle Tony sergent, wide receiver Monty Webster and center Matt Yeoman.

The MSU-EKU series dates to 1927 with the Colonels holding a 38-15-4 advantage. The Colonels have won an amazing 15 games in a row against the Eagles.

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SWARTZ NAMED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MVP FOR YOUNGSTOWN STATE GAME

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Chris Swartz, a 6-2, 180-pound freshman quarterback from Owingsville, Ky., and Bath Co. High School has been named the Morehead State University Alumni Association's Most Valuable Player for his play in the Eagles' 38-14 loss to Youngstown State.

A picture of Swartz and his statistics from the game are being displayed in MSU's Adron Doran University Center and \$100 will be donated in his name to a scholarship fund sponsored by the Alumni Association. The fund was begun on Feb. 21, 1987 when \$500 was given in the name of Phil Simms, MSU Alumnus and quarterback of the World Champion New York Giants.

Swartz hit 30 of 59 passes for 284 yards. He was only six yards short of the MSU record for passing yardage in a game.

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SWARTZ NAMED OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CO-ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

For the fifth time this season, Chris Swartz has been named the Ohio Valley Conference's Rookie of the Week. He was honored on this occasion for his play against Youngstown State. He shares the honor this week with MTSU tailback Ricky Martin.

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"VETERAN" BRYANT LEADS LADY EAGLE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Debbie Bryant has made the always tough transition from high school to college athletics look easy.

Bryant, in only her second season as a middle hitter for Jim McClellan's Morehead State Lady Eagles volleyball team, has played like a seasoned veteran, ranking as high as fifth in the nation in hitting percentage in Division I volleyball.

Bryant, a 5-10 sophomore, will be the first to admit the step up from high school was not as easy as she made it seem.

"The first time I walked out onto the floor I was in shock," she said. "I tried so hard to play well that I ended up having a bad game. That first game had to be my biggest thrill in sports so far though."

A standout player in both volleyball and basketball at Potomac Catholic High School in the Detroit suburb of Oxford, Mich. she earned volleyball all-conference and all-state honors as a senior under Coach Diane Phillips.

She was recruited by such big name schools as Purdue, Florida, and Central Michigan University. But, the big city girl chose the small town program.

"I was so impressed with Coach McClellan and the campus here at Morehead," Bryant said. The people are so friendly here. I felt like I could step in and be effective immediately at a smaller school."

So far her feelings are holding true. Not only has she been effective, but she has gained the respect of her fellow players and her coach.

"Debbie's intelligence and hard work make her an excellent collegiate player," said McClellan. "She's quick and has excellent jumping ability."

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MOREHEAD, Ky. -- The Morehead State University Lady Eagles volleyball team ended the regular season with a 19-10 record and may have gained a psychological advantage over a post-season tournament opponent.

MSU gained victories over Western Kentucky on Nov. 13 and Austin Peay on Nov. 14. The Lady Eagles will face APSU in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament on Fri., Nov. 20 in Richmond, Ky.

It took MSU five games to put away WKU's Lady Toppers, 11-15, 15-4, 11-15, 15-5 and 15-11. It was an up and down battle with the Lady Eagles winning the second and fourth games easily but having to rally to beat WKU in the final game.

The next evening, MSU defeated Austin Peay in four games, 13-15, 15-12, 15-11 and 15-12. It was the second meeting of the teams and both matches went to four games. The first was also a Lady Eagle victory, and came at the OVC mid-season tournament in Morehead.

The Lady Governors played an inspired game, having to finish the season without team leader Connie Caldwell who is out with an injury.

"We didn't play nearly as well against Austin Peay as we did in the mid-season tournament," said head coach Jim McClellan. "We're looking forward to playing them in the first round of the OVC tournament."

If MSU defeats Austin Peay on Friday, the Lady Eagles will face the winner of the Eastern Kentucky/Tennessee Tech match on Saturday.

Senior outside hitter and team leader Anne Bradley should be back from a knee injury that has kept her benched for three weeks.

"Bradley's going to be performing at around 60 percent. It's going to help a lot just having her on the court," McClellan added.

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McClellan and the Lady Eagles feel confident about their chances to win the OVC championship.

"If we don't win the title it won't be from lack of determination," McClallan said. "We just can't get too over confident, especially against Austin Peay.

"If we worry about Eastern and not about Austin Peay then we won't have to worry about Eastern because Austin Peay will beat us."

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GAME NOTES

Morehead State University vs. Eastern Kentucky University
November 21, 1987, Jayne Stadium-Jacobs Field, Morehead, Ky.

This will be the 58th meeting between the two schools in a series which dates to 1927. EKU leads 38-15-4. The Colonels have won 15 games in a row against the Eagles. MSU last won in 1971.

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Last season, EKU held the Eagles to only 22 rushing yards in a 23-6 Colonel victory in Richmond. MSU quarterback Adrian Breen closed out a brilliant career by hitting 16 of 39 passes for 258 yards. The Colonels controlled time of possession 34:57 to 25:03.

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An EKU victory today would give the Colonels an Ohio Valley Conference co-championship with Youngstown State and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. The Colonels would receive the conference's automatic bid as a result of an earlier victory over YSU.

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The Colonels are ranked seventh in the nation this week, moving up two notches ninth last week. Youngstown State is ranked 19th.

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Nationally, MSU is ranked 19th in the nation in passing offense. Eastern Kentucky is ranked third in rushing offense, seventh in scoring defense, 10th in rushing defense and 14th in total defense.

EKU runningbacks Elroy Harris and James Crawford are ranked sixth

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and 11th, respectively, in individual rushing. ECU kick returner Danny Copeland ranks 9th in kickoff returns.

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Comparing the offenses and defenses:

MSU Passing Offense - 230.4 (1st in OVC)
EKU Passing Defense - 169.6 (4th in OVC)

MSU Rushing Offense - 86.1 (7th in OVC)
EKU Rushing Defense - 111.2 (1st in OVC)

MSU Total Offense - 316.6 (6th in OVC)
EKU Total Defense - 280.8 (1st in OVC)

EKU Passing Offense - 42.4 (7th in OVC)
MSU Passing Defense - 185.1 (6th in OVC)

EKU Rushing Offense - 291.4 (1st in OVC)
MSU Rushing Defense - 217.3 (7th in OVC)

EKU Total Offense - 333.9 (4th in OVC)
MSU Total Defense - 402.4 (7th in OVC)

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MSU quarterback Chris Swartz, according to records available, has thrown for more yardage than any freshman in MSU history. He now ranks third in the league in passing, averaging 193.5 yards per game, and third in total offense, averaging 183.5 yards per game.

In the four conference games in which he has played (He missed the Austin Peay game with rib injuries.), he has hit on 94 of 183 passes for 51.4 percent. He totals three touchdown passes, five interceptions and 1,002 yards for an average of 250.5 yards per game.

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Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Jim Delany is at today's game as a special guest of MSU and MSU President C. Nelson Grote. Delany is also here for a special purpose. At halftime, he will present the first Ohio Valley Conference Academic Achievement Banner to Morehead State University. Accepting will be President C. Nelson Grote and Athletics Director Steve Hamilton. Also on hand for the presentation will be several former and current MSU student-athletes who were instrumental in helping Morehead State attain the honor.

The award will go annually to the institution with the best overall academic record involving student-athletes who participate in conference-sponsored sports and invitational meets.

Morehead State edged Tennessee Tech 44 to 43 for the first banner. Murray State was fourth with 40 points.

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In the weights and measures department...MSU's offensive front five averages 6-1, 252-pounds while the ECU defensive front five averages 6-2, 236-pounds...MSU's defensive front four averages 6-1, 242-pounds while the ECU offensive front five averages 6-2, 247-pounds.

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EAGLES OPEN 1987-88 SEASON AGAINST TENNESSEE WESLEYAN

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University's Basketball Eagles open the 1987-88 campaign on Saturday (Nov. 28) when they play host to Tennessee Wesleyan. Gametime is 7:30 p.m. EST in the Ellis T. Johnson Arena.

Peoples First Bank and the MSU athletics department are sponsoring "Pack the AAC Night" for the Tennessee Wesleyan game. The goal is to have as many fans as possible on hand to help the Eagles tip off their first season under new Head Coach Tommy Gaither.

Free family tickets are available at Peoples First Bank and through the Rowan Co. School System.

A trip for two to Miami, Fla., to watch the Eagles take on Florida International on March 2, 1988, will be given away, as well as 10 autographed basketballs. The trip package includes round-trip air fare, hotel accommodations and tickets to the game.

A celebrity money scramble will be held at halftime with all the proceeds going to the Rowan Co. School System's PTO. Scheduled participants include MSU Athletics Director Steve Hamilton, Rowan Co. Superintendent of Schools Kenny Bland, Morehead Mayor Jack Roe and Peoples First Vice-President Billy Fouch.

During the preseason, the Eagles scrimmaged in the local communities of Flemingsburg, Olive Hill and Mt. Sterling. They also played an exhibition game against Charter Hospitals of Kentucky AAU.

The Eagles posted a 74-69 victory over Charter Hospitals in spite of a 21-point effort by former Kentucky and NBA standout Kyle Macy. MSU countered by placing five players in double figures led by Michael Mason's 13 points. The balanced scoring attack is indicative of one of the strong points of the 1987-88 Eagles.

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EAGLES OPEN SEASON

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"We believe that one of our strengths is that we have 10 to 12 different players with nearly equal ability," Gaither said. "We won't have to be overly concerned about foul trouble, and we should be able to keep fresh people in the game."

"We know we've got to give players a chance to get into the flow of the game, but we also want to give everyone the opportunity to play and to use them to the best of their abilities."

Like most coaches this time of year, Gaither is looking forward to seeing his squad against outside competition, but all the same, he'd like to have a little more time to prepare.

"We're excited about our opener here at MSU," Gaither said. But, I'd like to have another couple of months to get ready. I guess it's ready or not, here we come."

MSU holds a 7-0 lead in the series which dates to the 1931-32 season. Last season, MSU WON 108-71 in the AAC. Bob McCann and Bo Rivers scored 16 points each for the Eagles.

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COMMENTS FROM COACH TOMMY GAITHER

On progress made by the 1987-88 Eagles -- "We've made great strides. We came in cold turkey with a new staff and a new system and it has taken the players some time to adjust to us and for us to adjust to them. We've seen some good signs lately. Our players are beginning to react more naturally. They're reacting without having to pause and think about what they're doing. We're beginning to play hard and together."

On what he looks for in the near future -- "We've got to improve consistently, day-by-day. The schedule, especially early, is a real challenge. Sooner or later, we're going to be a good team this season. I just hope its sooner instead of later."

On a potential starting lineup -- "Again, depth should be one of our strengths. The battles for starting positions are still close. Michael Mason has probably earned a starting spot. He has played consistently in practice, in our scrimmages and in our exhibition game against Charter Hospitals. Our other two seniors, Derrick Davis and Talbert Turner, have played consistently well."

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JACKSON NAMED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MVP FOR EASTERN KENTUCKY GAME

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Jim Jackson, a 6-2, 210-pound sophomore linebacker from Belleville, Ohio, and Clearfork High School has been named the Morehead State University Alumni Association's Most Valuable Player for his play in the Eagles' 23-0 loss to Eastern Kentucky.

A picture of Jackson and his statistics from the game are being displayed in MSU's Adron Doran University Center and \$100 will be donated in his name to a scholarship fund sponsored by the Alumni Association. The fund was begun on Feb. 21, 1987 when \$500 was given in the name of Phil Simms, MSU Alumnus and quarterback of the World Champion New York Giants.

Jackson was credited with nine unassisted tackles, four assisted tackles and two tackles for losses totaling three yards.

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LADY EAGLES OPEN SEASON AT APPALACHIAN-SHERATON CLASSIC

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- The Morehead State University Lady Eagle basketball team begins its regular season at the Appalachian State-Sheraton Classic in Boone, N.C., on Friday and Saturday (Nov. 27-28.)

MSU will meet Metro Conference power Virginia Tech in the first round of the classic. The Lady Hokies finished the 1986-87 season with an overall record of 15-14, including a 7-5 Metro record and a third place conference finish.

The Hokies return 6-4 center Michelle Bain who averaged 10.7 points and 6.7 rebounds per game last season.

"Bain will present the most problems for us," said Lady Eagle head coach Loretta Marlow. "To win against Virginia Tech, we have to stop her."

The Lady Eagles, though, will have a few threats of their own.

Leading the Lady Eagles will be Kelly Stamper (5-10, Jr., Forward, Mallie, Ky.) who led MSU in scoring last year with 14.1 points per game. Stamper was second leading rebounder during the 1986-87 season with 7.9 rebounds per contest.

The other returning starter for MSU is Sophia Renfro (5-4, Sr., Guard, Mt. Sterling, Ky.). Renfro averaged 11.9 points and 3.4 rebounds per game last season.

The remainder of the Lady Eagle starting five will consist of sophomore guard Kelly Downs (10.5 ppg/2.9 rpg), sophomore center Kim Patyk (8.0 ppg/4.4 rpg) and junior forward Druecilla Connors.

Downs (5-7, Londonderry, Ohio) started 15 games last season and is very effective from three-point range. Patyk, who played only nine games last season due to an injury, returns healthy. During the three pre-season intrasquad scrimmages, Patyk averaged 12.6 points and 8.7 rebounds. Connors (6-2, Jr., Forward, Flemingsburg, Ky.), a transfer from Lees Junior College in Jackson, Ky., averaged 10 points and more than eight rebounds a game at Lees.

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LADY EAGLES

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"We're very excited about the opportunity to play against someone besides each other," said Marlow. "We are in pretty good shape and this gives us the opportunity to find out early what we can do and what adjustments we have to make."

The winner of Friday night's game will meet the winner of the Appalachian State-Cheyney (Pa.) State game on Saturday night in the championship game. Game time Friday is set for 6 p.m. EST. On Saturday, the consolation game will begin at 6 p.m. EST with the championship game scheduled for 8 p.m. EST.

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MAGRANE SIGNS WITH LADY EAGLES

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Julie Magrane, a 6-1 forward from Rowan Co. High School in Morehead has signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball for the Morehead State University Lady Eagles.

Magrane averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds last season as a junior on Coach Claudia Hicks' Lady Viking squad. She has scored 1,097 career points and grabbed 690 career rebounds.

She has been named all-district for three years and all-region for three years. She was named the most valuable player in last season's district tournament. A multi-sport standout, Magrane was the state discus champion last year.

"Julie will be a very strong addition to our inside game," said Lady Eagle Coach Loretta Marlow. "She does a good job of posting for the ball and knows how to position herself to get the shot off. I'm very excited about Julie becoming a part of our team."

Magrane is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Magrane of Morehead. Dr. Magrane is an instructor at MSU. Her brother, Joe, is a standout pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals and started games one and seven of the recent World Series.

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LADY EAGLES CAPTURE OVC TITLE FROM SIX-TIME CHAMP EASTERN KENTUCKY

The Morehead State University Lady Eagles volleyball team captured the Ohio Valley Conference title from six-time defending champion Eastern Kentucky University, 15-11, 5-15, 15-7 and 15-8, on Nov. 21 in Richmond.

"When we were down 9-0, I thought we were in big trouble, but the girls were determined and they pulled it off," said head coach Jim McClellan.

The Lady Eagles dropped the second game 5-15, but won games three and four in the best of five championship.

"It was nice to knock off a team that's won the OVC six times in a row," said McClellan. "They are one of the best coached teams we play.

"Anne Bradley did a great job passing for us. They were serving almost every ball to her," McClellan said. "She played a gutsy game, coming back after an injury and playing in pain.

"Dayle Hamontree had a great serving night, serving out one game and serving five crucial points in game four."

In the match against Eastern, senior middle hitter Lisa Laird (6-0, Columbia, S.C.) had nine kills with two errors for an attack percentage of .389 with six blocks. Freshman middle hitter Patty ulk came off the bench for the Lady Eagles to hit .700 (7 kills, no errors, 10 attempts).

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MSU reached the championship match by knocking off fourth-seeded Austin Peay State University, 15-0, 15-10 and 15-8.

"I was a little concerned that we'd come into the Austin Peay match a little flat after beating them twice in the regular season," said McClellan. "It was easier than I thought."

Against Austin Peay it was Laird and Hamontree leading the way. Laird had seven kills with no errors for a hitting percentage of .467 with five blocks. Hamontree had 12 kills with three errors (.391 attack percentage) with four blocks.

Hamontree, Bradley and sophomore setter Melissa Blanford were named to the All-OVC and All-OVC Tournament team for the Lady Eagles. The three had been honored earlier in the season by being included on the OVC mid-season all-tournament team.

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EAGLES CONTINUE HOMESTAND AGAINST OHIO AND CINCINNATI

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University's Basketball Eagles continue a season-opening homestand next week when they play host to both Ohio University and Cincinnati.

It will be Druthers' Big Cup Night on Monday (Nov. 30) when the Ohio University Bobcats visit Ellis T. Johnson Arena. The first 1,000 fans through the gates will receive a souvenir cup. Tipoff time is 7:30 p.m. EST.

On Thursday (Dec. 3), Coach Tony Yates will bring his Cincinnati Bearcats to Morehead. At halftime, the MSU Lady Eagle Volleyball Team, which won the recent Ohio Valley Conference women's volleyball championship, will be honored. Tipoff time is again 7:30 p.m. EST.

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OVC ROUNDUP

Morehead State named Tommy Gaither as the men's head basketball coach. Gaither, a two-time graduate of Clemson University, takes over for Wayne Martin who resigned at the end of the season. Gaither becomes MSU's ninth men's basketball coach coming from Baptist College where he posted a 70-46 record in four years as head coach.....Gaither named Jeff Burkhamer, a native of Williamstown, W. Va., as his top assistant. Burkhamer was Gaither's assistant for tow years at Baptist College.

MSU's Bob McCann was named to Basketball Weekly's All-South team. McCann was invited to play in the prestigious Aloha Classic in April.....MSU guard Jeff Griffin announced he will transfer to Transylvania University in Lexington at the end of the school year.

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MSU WILL HOLD ALL-SPORTS BANQUET

MOREHEAD, Ky. ---- Morehead State University will conduct its second annual All-Sports Banquet on May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

The banquet is held to honor the participants from 13 of MSU's varsity sports including men's basketball, volleyball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, golf, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's cross country, softball and baseball.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$18 per couple and will be sold at the door.

For more information contact the athletic office at 783-2088.

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At this time I would like to introduce the head athletic trainer at Morehead State University for the last five years. He has also been the head athletic trainer at Centre College and the assistant athletic trainer at the University of Florida. His experience also includes a season with the Philadelphia Eagles of the NFL, the National Sports Festival II at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Co., and the USA All-Star basketball team at the World Invitational Tournament.

This gentleman was recently named Vice President of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society and the State recently honored him as an official "Kentucky Colonel". Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Keith Webster.....

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MSU'S HEAD TRAINER GETS DOUBLE HONOR

MOREHEAD, Ky.----Morehead State head athletic trainer Keith Webster was recently named Vice President of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society.

Webster, a native of Medford Lakes, N.J., just completed his fifth season as MSU's head trainer. He is also a member of KATS' Executive Council.

"The associations primary concern right now is to place more certified athletic trainers in the high school systems," Webster said. "KATS strongly backed the legislation recently passed to help fund the efforts of this worthwhile program"

KATS also provides trainers for the annual Blue Grass State games plus the state's annual high school all-star games.

The 32-year old graduate of the University of Kentucky ('78) was also recently named a "Kentucky Colonel" in a presentation made at MSU's All-Sports Banquet on May 4 by State Representative Walter Blevins.

The former assistant athletic trainer at the University of Florida and former head athletic trainer at Centre College, Webster was very instrumental in the plans for the development of MSU's newly built 2,800 square foot athletic training facility, one of the best in the nation.

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GAITHER TELEVISION SHOW ON WTVQ-TV

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- The first of Morehead State University Head Basketball Coach Tommy Gaither's weekly television shows will be aired this Saturday (Dec. 5) at 10:30 a.m. EST on WTVQ-TV (Channel 36), Lexington.

Among the highlights of this first show will be action footage of the Eagles' season-opening wins over Tennessee Wesleyan and Ohio University.

The Tommy Gaither Show will air throughout the season on WTVQ-TV. A complete schedule of dates and air times follows:

Dec. 5, 1987	10:30 a.m. EST
Dec. 12, 1987	1:00 p.m. EST
Dec. 19, 1987	1:00 p.m. EST
Jan. 9, 1988	1:00 p.m. EST
Jan. 16, 1988	1:00 p.m. EST
Jan. 23, 1988	1:00 p.m. EST
Jan. 30, 1988	1:00 p.m. EST
Feb. 6, 1988	1:00 p.m. EST
Feb. 13, 1988	1:00 p.m. EST
Feb. 20, 1988	11:30 a.m. EST
Feb. 27, 1988	11:30 a.m. EST
Mar. 5, 1988	11:30 a.m. EST
Mar. 12, 1988	11:30 a.m. EST

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Special to The OVC Today

December 2, 1987

The first Ohio Valley Conference Academic Achievement Banner, presented to Morehead State University and President C. Nelson Grote by conference Commissioner Jim Delany on Nov. 21, was the ultimate early Christmas present the Eagle athletic program and its student-athletes could have given their new president.

"While it is more fun to win than lose, winning is not the single purpose of our athletic program at Morehead State," Dr. Grote said. "Given the choice of winning the Ohio Valley Conference all-sports trophy every year, or winning the Academic Achievement Banner every year, I would choose the academic award."

Make no mistake about it, though, Grote understands the values of a successful athletic program and is a staunch supporter of all the Eagle teams.

"An athletic program is an integral part of a comprehensive university," he said. "It provides opportunities for a large number of students to participate both directly, as participants in the various sports, and indirectly, as spectators and support personnel."

"An athletic program can serve as a primary focal point to develop the spirit of a university, to provide a flag for the student body and the faculty and staff to rally around. It's just a natural way in which to develop a real identity to the university."

The value of the great visibility an athletic program commands is also a part of Grote's understanding and compassion for athletics.

"An athletic program is a major way to relate to alumni and to the broader community," Grote said. "It can build a large base of support, both moral and financial support, for the university."

The first-year president believes that at MSU, those students participating in athletics are truly student-athletes, not athlete-students.

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"The real trick to an athletic program is to keep it in balance and perspective," Grote said. "One way we do this is by our perception of students who are athletes. We look first at them as students.

"We look for good citizenship, and we look for those who can represent us well both on the field and off the field. I'm personally interested in how students succeed academically, how many graduate and how well they do after graduation. I think our coaches should coach both on the field and off the field. While winning is important, it needs to be put into university context."

Cost containment has become a byword in college athletics, and the athletic budget, as is the total MSU budget, is a concern to Grote.

"We are concerned about cost containment," Grote said. "Our Board of Regents has adopted a policy, and we're in the early stages of reviewing what that policy might mean. If nothing else, the policy recognized that a problem exists.

"I don't believe our problem is any different nor any larger than the problems shared by the rest of the OVC and most schools across the country, especially those in a rural setting where it is difficult to fill the stadiums and arena for every game. We are also in a situation where some of the funding sources, such as the television and radio revenue which is available for the larger Division I-A schools, are unfortunately not available here where they are needed most."

One of Grote's first appointments upon arriving at MSU was that of Steve Hamilton as Acting Director of Athletics. Plans are for MSU to begin a search for a permanent athletic director in late winter with a possible appointment by spring or early summer.

"Steve is highly regarded by the coaching staff and members of the university community," Grote said. "He's well known and well thought of regionally and nationally. For an acting director of athletics, I believe he was the perfect choice.

One of the conditions of his accepting the interim position was that he would have the opportunity to make application and be a candidate for the full-time position. He is certainly having the opportunity to get first-hand knowledge of the position, and he will be able to see if this is something he might like to do."

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During his tenure as MSU president, one can rest assured that Grote will continue to stress the academic values of the institution to Eagle student-athletes, while always being mindful of the values of a strong, visible athletic program in the total university context.

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MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY VS. UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
7:30 p.m. EST, Dec. 3, 1987, Ellis T. Johnson Arena

Welcome to tonight's game between the Eagles and the Bearcats of Cincinnati. Please address any questions or requests to SID Randy Stacy or Graduate Assistant Lori Kincaid.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6:58 - 30-Minute Clock Begins
- 7:20 - Television production begins
- 7:23 - With 5:00 on the game clock the National Anthem is played
- 7:38 - Game clock winds down to 0:00 and the lineups are introduced
(Television will take a 60-second break following introductions)
- 7:31 - Tipoff
Media timeouts will be taken at the first deadball situation following 15:00, 10:00 and 5:00 each half unless negated by a team timeout.

MOREHEAD STATE (2-0)

The Eagles opened the season on Saturday (Nov. 28) with a 93-84 victory over Tennessee Wesleyan here in Johnson Arena. All five MSU starters scored in double figures, led by Derrick Davis with 19 points and 15 rebounds and Bo Rivers with 17 points and 12 rebounds. On Monday (Nov. 30), MSU defeated Ohio University 99-92. Guard Tony Curry scored 28 points to lead the Eagles. The OU game was also played here in Johnson Arena.

CINCINNATI (1-1)

The Bearcats defeated Northern Kentucky in their opener 76-65. On Tuesday (Dec. 1), Cincinnati lost 101-77 at second-ranked Kentucky. Center Cedric Glover scored 22 points in the loss.

MOREHEAD STATE PROBABLE STARTERS

- F 30-Derrick Davis
(6-4, 230, Sr., Decatur, Ala.)
- F 32-Bo Rivers
(6-4, 200, Jr., Haines City, Fla.)
- C 40-Mike Chaney
(6-9, 210, Jr., Jackson, Ky.)
- G 14-Michael Mason
(6-2, 175, Sr., Courtland, Ala.)
- G 24-Tony Curry
(6-3, 200, So., Louisville, Ky.)

CINCINNATI PROBABLE STARTERS

- F 20-Levertis Robinson
(6-6, 190, Fr., Chicago, Ill.)
- F 32-Save Jackson
(6-7, 205, Jr., Hammond, La.)
- C 00-Cedric Glover
(6-8, 225, Jr., Macon, Miss.)
- G 21-Roger McClendon
(6-4, 175, Sr. Dayton, Ohio)
- G 5-Calvin Phiffer
(6-2, 175, Sr., East St. Louis, Ill.)

GAME OFFICIALS

Ken Cox, Charles Watkins and Joe DeRosa

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EAGLES TRAVEL TO TCBY TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT IN LITTLE ROCK

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University's Basketball Eagles will see their first action of the season away from Ellis T. Johnson Arena on Dec. 9-10, when they travel to Little Rock, Ark., to participate in the TCBY Tip-Off Tournament.

The four-team tournament will be played at Barton Coliseum (8,300 capacity) and will be hosted by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The Eagles will take on the Texas-El Paso Miners in the first game of the tournament at 6 p.m. EST on Dec. 9. Host Arkansas-Little Rock will take on Sam Houston State at 8 p.m. EST. The consolation game is slated for 7 p.m. EST on Dec. 10, with the championship game at 9 p.m. EST.

MSU is 2-1 on the season following a 68-67 loss to Cincinnati last Thursday (Dec. 3). The Eagles fell behind early but rallied to take a 61-60 lead with three minutes to go but could not hold off the talented Bearcats. MSU opened the season with a 93-84 victory over Tennessee Wesleyan on Nov. 28, then defeated Ohio University 99-92 on Nov. 30.

Morehead State has not played any of the schools in the TCBY Tip-Off Tournament in basketball.

Following are comments from first-year Morehead State University Coach Tommy Gaither on a variety of topics:

On the progress of his team

"We're coming along by leaps and bounds, but we still have room for more improvement. If we're able to beat the Ohio Universities and come close to beating the Cincinnati, then we've got a chance to be in every game we play this season. Our players are beginning to understand and accept our philosophy of the game."

On any surprises

"A lot of people are surprised at how well our team has done with a new coaching staff. To play the calibre of teams that we have been playing and will be playing, we'll have to get a lot better. It's tough to throw a schedule like this at a team just learning a new system. It's a surprise to us that we've done so well, so quickly."

On the TCBY Tournament

"We played in it last year when I was at Baptist College and won the consolation game, which gave us a lot of fans down there, and that's why they asked us to come back. It's a class tournament to be in, and we hope to make a good showing."

On UTEP

"We go up against one of the winningest coaches in the country. They are also one of the better teams in the country. They are always at the top of the WAC. Their program ranks right up there with UCLA, Kentucky and Indiana. They are a lot bigger and a lot more talented than we are. We'll have to play smart to win."

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MOREHEAD STATE VS. TEXAS-EL PASO

Dec. 9, 1987, 5 p.m. CST, Barton Coliseum, Little Rock, Ark.
TCBY TIP-Off Tournament

The Eagles are headquartered at the Little Rock Hilton, 501-664-5025. For information, contact SID Randy Stacy.

MOREHEAD STATE MEDIA GUIDES

Due to some technical difficulties, the MSU basketball media guide remains at the printer. It should be available within two weeks. In the meantime, we hope the enclosed information is sufficient in assisting you coverage of the Eagles. For more additional information, contact SID Randy Stacy.

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The Eagles opened the season on Nov. 28 against Tennessee Wesleyan at home. MSU won 93-84. All five Eagle starters scored in double figures, led by Derrick Davis with 19 points. Davis also grabbed 15 rebounds. Bo Rivers scored 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

On Nov. 30, MSU defeated Ohio University 99-92, also at home. Guard Tony Curry scored 28 points and handed out seven assists. Curry hit eight of 11 from the field (1-1 from three point range) and 11 of 14 from the free throw line.

MSU suffered its first loss of the season on Dec. 3 when it lost 68-67 to Cincinnati at home. Davis scored 21 points and Rivers added 16 points and nine rebounds to lead the Eagles.

TEXAS-EL PASO (3-0 before Monday's game against New Mexico State)

UTEP opened the season on Nov. 28 with a homecourt victory over St. Mary's-San Antonio 59-46. The Miners won the Metromobile Tournament championship with wins over Northern Illinois 67-55 and Howard 73-56. Monday (Dec. 7) evening, they played host to New Mexico State.

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TEXAS-EL PASO PROBABLE LINEUP

F 24-Terry Stallworth
(6-4, 185, Jr., Long Beach, Calif.) or
44-Jerry Jones
(6-6, 210, So., Country Club Hills, Ill.)
F 20-Wayne Campbell
(6-7, 190, Sr., New Orleans, La.)
C 34-Antonio Davis
(6-9, 210, So., Oakland, Calif.)
G 10-Tim Hardaway
(5-11, 170, Jr., Chicago, Ill.)
G 23-Chris Blocker
(6-5, 205, Sr., Philadelphia, Pa.)

SERIES RECORD

Morehead State has not played basketball against any of the schools in the TCBY Tip-Off Tournament.

MSU IN RECENT TOURNAMENTS

Last season, the Eagles lost 78-76 at Austin Peay in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. Earlier in the season, MSU defeated Wagner 97-96 in the first round of the Iona Classic, then lost 69-66 to the host Gaels in the championship game.

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EAGLES RETURN HOME TO FACE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AND OHIO WESLEYAN

MOREHEAD, Ky. -- Morehead State University's Basketball Eagles return to the friendly confines of Ellis T. Johnson Arena this week with hopes of finding their lost shooting touches.

MSU plays host to Florida International at 7:30 p.m. EST on Thursday (Dec. 17). The Lady Eagles will take on Louisville at 5 p.m. EST in the first game of a doubleheader.

Ohio Wesleyan visits Johnson Arena on Saturday (Dec. 19) for a 7:30 p.m. EST contest.

The Eagles will be trying to break a three-game losing streak. Following season-opening victories over Tennessee Wesleyan (93-84) and Ohio University (99-92), MSU has lost to Cincinnati (68-67), Texas-El Paso (52-83) and Sam Houston State (59-63). The latter two games came last week in the TCBY Tip-Off Tournament in Little Rock, Ark.

After hitting a 45.9 percent from the field against Tennessee Wesleyan and 54.8 percent from the field against Ohio University, the Eagles' shooting touches have disappeared. They hit 42.9 percent against Cincinnati, 37.5 percent against UTEP and 33.8 percent against Sam Houston. The cumulative figures for the three losses show the Eagles hitting only 69 of 181 shots for 38.1 percent.

"We don't have consistently outstanding outside shooters," said MSU Coach Tommy Gaither, "but I'm at a loss to explain that big a drop off. We're playing good defense, we're just not hitting the basket now.

"Against Texas-El Paso, we got smothered defensively by a big league basketball program. We've got to start hitting the basket, maybe the homecourt will get us back on track."

In Florida International, MSU will be facing a program in its first year in NCAA Division I. The Golden Panthers took a 1-3 record into

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EAGLES RETURN HOME

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a Monday (Dec. 14) night game against Toledo at home. Florida International opened the season with a 113-103 victory over U.S International, then lost to Florida State (121-75), Campbell 90-77) and St. Peter's (71-61).

The Golden Panthers are led in scoring by senior forward Sylvester Whigham who averages 18.0 points per game. Senior forward Carlton Phoenix averages 17.3 points and 9.5 rebounds. Florida International is coached by Rich Walker.

Ohio Wesleyan will bring a highly regarded Division III program to Johnson Arena on Saturday. The Bishops are 6-2 on the season and do not play again until their meeting with the Eagles. Among Ohio Wesleyan's victories is a 122-115 win at Ohio University.

The Bishops are led by senior guard Scott Tedder, who averaged 34.0 points per game. He scored 50 against Ohio University. Tedder is approaching the 2,000-point mark in career scoring.

Following the two-game homestand, the Eagles take to the road on Dec. 21 to face Vanderbilt's Commodores in Nashville.

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1987 MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
FOOTBALL SIGNEES

1. KEN MOORE - 6'1", 210, LB, North Allegheny High School, Pittsburgh, PA - Defensive Captain, First Team All Quad A West Conference, Who's Who in High School Football. Second leading tackler on team. 3.4 GPA.
2. BRIAN JAMES - 6'0", 210, LB, Greenhills High School, Cincinnati, OH - MVP, Defensive Player of the Year Western Metro Conference, First Team All League, First Team all Southwest Ohio, First Team All State.
3. RON SELVAGE - 6'0", 175, DB, College of DuPage, Schaumburg, IL Second Team All Conference, Most Improved Player, Played high school ball at Lake Park High School, All Conference RB, Lead team in interceptions with four.
4. MICHAEL TURNER - 5'11", 170, DB, Withrow High School, Cincinnati, OH - First team All Eastern Metro Conference, Honorable Mention All City, Mr. Withrow Football.
5. DENNIS PALOCHAK - 6'3", 260, OL, Alliquippa High School, Alliquippa, PA - First team all section - Pittsburgh Press, First Team All Section - Beaver County Times - Who's Who in High School Students. 400 lb. bencher.
6. TONY COULTER - 5'11", 185, RB, Meadowbrook High School, Senecaville, OH - Played for Larry Baldridge (Bill's brother), First Team All OVAC, First Team All Conference, Second Team All Ohio Valley, MVP at Meadowbrook High School. Rushed for 818 yards, 11 touchdowns. Led team with six interceptions.
7. JERRY LUCAS - 6'1", 195, OB, Greenup County High School, Greenup, KY - First Team All OKAC, Honorable Mention All State, First Team All Area, Dad - Former MSU Asst. Coach.
8. LOU WILLINGER - 6'4", 245, OL, Trinity High School, Louisville, KY - First team all District, Honorable Mention All State junior & senior year. Played on State Championship team in 1985.
9. KEITH DAVIS - 6'2", 250, OL, Fairdale High School, Fairdale, KY First Team All District, Honorable Mention All State.
10. JIM JETT - 6'1", 265, DL, Fleming County High School, Flemingsburg, KY - First Team All Conference, Honorable Mention All State.

11. BRADY DUFF - 5'10", 170, K, Montgomery County High School, Mt. Sterling, KY - Honorable Mention All State, junior and senior year. He was 71 of 77 career extra points and 11 of 23 on career field goals. His long was 47 yards.
12. GARY YOWAN - 6'3", 200, DE, Bethel Park High School, Pittsburgh, PA - 2 year letterman, 2nd leading tackler on team. Led team in interceptions with 4. Who's Who in American High School Students. 3.3 GPA.
13. DENNIS GUILLAUME - 6'1", 235, DL, St. Xavier High School, Louisville, KY - First Team All State - AP - Second Team All State - Courier Journal, First Team All District. Chosen to play in Kentucky-Tennessee All Star game.
14. JOHN MAYO - 6'3", 255, OL, Poquoson High School, Poquoson, VA First Team All Peninsula, First Team All District, First Team All Region, Honorable Mention All State. Scored five touchdowns in goalline offense. Parents are graduates of Morehead State.
15. LARRY SZCZERBA - 6'3", 270, OL, Whitesboro High School, Yorkville, NY - First All Conference Offense and Defense, First Team Upstate New York, 4th Team All State, 8th in state in shot put, junior year - 6th in discus. 410 lb. bencher.
16. JOE GAGLIANO - 6'2", 270, OL, Moraine Valley Community College, Glenwood, IL - Played high school ball at Marian Catholic High school, 2 year starter at Moraine Valley, Second Team All Conference. 400 lb. bencher.
17. LEE PROCTOR - 5'7", 155, RB, Logan County High School, Russellville, KY - All WKC, All South Central Kentucky. Rushed for over 1,000 yards.
18. CHARLES "CHOO-CHOO" DIXON - 5'9", 165, RB/DB, Harrison County High School, Cynthiana, KY - Honorable Mention All State, Harrison County MVP.
19. BRAD PELFRY - 6'0", 190, DB, Morgan County High School, West Liberty, KY
20. TODD CARMAN - 6'2", 175, QB, Casey County High School, Middleburg, KY - All time single season passing yardage record holder - 1,279 yards. First Team All PAC.
21. KEITH TARTER - 6'3", 175, WR, Casey County High School, Dunnville, KY - Leading receiver in Pioneer Athletic Conference. 69 catches for 870 yards. MVP in conference. First Team All PAC. Third Team All State.
22. SCOTT TERRY - 5'11", 185, RB, Henderson County High School, Henderson, KY - All Big 8, All Western Kentucky, Honorable Mention, All State. Missed three games and rushed for over 800 yards. Scored 8 touchdowns.

23. JOHN HAYDEN - 6'3", 195, TE, Owensboro Catholic High School,
Owensboro, KY - 34 catches for over 400 yards.
Honorable Mention All State - junior and senior
year, All Western Kentucky, All Big 8, All City
All Courier Journal.

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THREE EAGLES NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Three Morehead State football players were named to "The Sporting News" Preseason All-America Checklist.

Linebacker Randy Frazier (6-4, 235-pound, Sr., Whitesburg, Ky.), offensive guard Billy Poe (6-3, 273-pound, Sr., Ironton, Ohio), and free safety Kelvin Bellamy (5-11, 172-pound, Sr., Trenton, N.J.) were all given the high honor after enjoying a big season on the gridiron in 1985.

"It was a fitting honor for all three players and we hope their senior leadership will be a positive factor this season," MSU head football coach Bill Baldrige said. "They are the type of players that every coach hopes to have on his team."

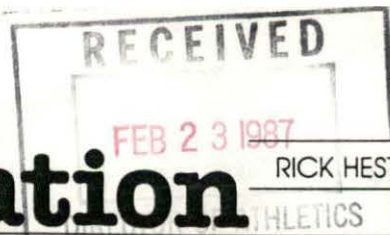
Frazier was MSU's second leading tackler last season with 68 tackles and 60 assists. He also had 11 tackles for loss totaling 25 yards. In 1983 he led MSU in tackles with 135.

Poe has been one of the offensive line leaders for MSU since his freshman season. This is the second time his name has appeared on the Sporting News' Preseason All-America team. He was also named honorable-mention All-America after his sophomore year.

Bellamy was MSU's leader in total tackles with 132 last season. He also had one interception, five deflected passes and three fumble recoveries.

The Eagles will open the season on Sept. 6 against long-time rival Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., starting at 7:00 p.m.

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MSU SIGNS THREE VOLLEYBALL RECRUITS

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State volleyball coach Jim McClellan has added three players to his squad for the 1987 season.

Barb Case, Patricia Fulk and Dayle Hamontree all signed national letters of intent to play at MSU next fall.

Case, a 5-11 outside-hitter and blocker from Dayton, Ky., was an all-district and all-region performer at Bellevue High School.

"Barb's all-around skills will make her an asset to our program," McClellan praised. "She is an intelligent player which should help her make the transition from high school to college."

Fulk has good size standing at 6-1 and will play the middle-hitter and blocker positions. The graduate of Antwerp (Ohio) High School was named all-district, all-conference, all-state and District Player of the Year.

"Patty is an excellent student with outstanding volleyball skills," McClellan said. "Her strength, size and intelligence will be a big plus to our program."

Hamontree is a 5-7½ outside-hitter and blocker from Rolling Meadows High School in Arlington Heights, Ill., that brings a great deal of experience to MSU. "Dayle is the most experienced high school player we have ever signed," McClellan added.

Hamontree played for the prestigious Circus Volleyball Club and was a member of the European Junior National Volleyball Championship team in 1985.

"With her determination and experience, Dayle should have an immediate impact on our program."

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EAGLES CONCENTRATE ON LINEMEN DURING SIGNING PERIOD

MOREHEAD, KY.----Morehead State head football coach Bill Baldridge concentrated on offensive and defensive linemen during this year's signing period. By the time national signing day was over, the MSU coaching staff had inked 23 recruits. Six of those are offensive linemen while three are defensive linemen.

"I think we had a great recruiting year", MSU head coach Bill Baldridge said. "We had a super football banquet a few weeks ago, several recruits visited during the MSU-Eastern Kentucky basketball game, plus Phil Simms wrote letters to our recruits. I think all of those positive events helped cap off a great recruiting year for us."

Certainly the success of the 1986 Eagles had a big influence also. MSU won its first six games of the season and climbed as high as second in the nation in the NCAA Div. I-AA poll.

Out of the 23 signees, 15 are natives of Kentucky which has Coach Baldridge beaming. "We are happy to be able to have that kind of success in our own state. I think that says something about our program."

Coach Baldridge indicated that he is still interested in signing more recruits. "We would like to get one more running

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back and one more wide receiver to round out this recruiting class."

QUICK FACTS ON RECRUITS

TOTAL: 23

OFFENSIVE RECRUITS: 14

Linemen	-	6
Backs	-	6
Receivers	-	1
Tight Ends	-	1

DEFENSIVE RECRUITS: 9

Linemen	-	3
Linebackers	-	2
Backs	-	3
Kickers	-	1

IN-STATE: 15

OUT-OF-STATE: 8

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FOOTBALL SIGNEES

1. KEN MOORE - 6'1", 210, LB, North Allegheny High School, Pittsburgh, PA - Defensive Captain, First Team All Quad A West Conference, Who's Who in High School Football. Second leading tackler on team. 3.4 GPA.
2. BRIAN JAMES - 6'0", 210, LB, Greenhills High School, Cincinnati, OH - MVP, Defensive Player of the Year Western Metro Conference, First Team All League, First Team all Southwest Ohio, First Team All State.
3. RON SELVAGE - 6'0", 175, DB, College of DuPage, Schaumburg, IL Second Team All Conference, Most Improved Player, Played high school ball at Lake Park High School, All Conference RB, Lead team in interceptions with four.
4. MICHAEL TURNER - 5'11", 170, DB, Withrow High School, Cincinnati, OH - First team All Eastern Metro Conference, Honorable Mention All City, Mr. Withrow Football.
5. DENNIS PALOCHAK - 6'3", 260, OL, Alliquippa High School, Alliquippa, PA - First team all section - Pittsburgh Press, First Team All Section - Beaver County Times - Who's Who in High School Students. 400 lb. bencher.
6. TONY COULTER - 5'11", 185, RB, Meadowbrook High School, Senecaville, OH - Played for Larry Baldridge (Bill's brother), First Team All OVAC, First Team All Conference, Second Team All Ohio Valley, MVP at Meadowbrook High School. Rushed for 818 yards, 11 touchdowns. Led team with six interceptions.
7. JERRY LUCAS - 6'1", 195, OB, Greenup County High School, Greenup, KY - First Team All OKAC, Honorable Mention All State, First Team All Area, Dad - Former MSU Asst. Coach.
8. LOU WILLINGER - 6'4", 245, OL, Trinity High School, Louisville, KY - First team all District, Honorable Mention All State junior & senior year. Played on State Championship team in 1985.
9. KEITH DAVIS - 6'2", 250, OL, Fairdale High School, Fairdale, KY First Team All District, Honorable Mention All State.
10. JIM JETT - 6'1", 265, DL, Fleming County High School, Flemingsburg, KY - First Team All Conference, Honorable Mention All State.

11. BRADY DUFF - 5'10", 170, K, Montgomery County High School, Mt. Sterling, KY - Honorable Mention All State, junior and senior year. He was 71 of 77 career extra points and 11 of 23 on career field goals. His long was 47 yards.
12. GARY YOWAN - 6'3", 200, DE, Bethel Park High School, Pittsburgh, PA - 2 year letterman, 2nd leading tackler on team. Led team in interceptions with 4. Who's Who in American High School Students. 3.3 GPA.
13. DENNIS GUILLAUME - 6'1", 235, DL, St. Xavier High School, Louisville, KY - First Team All State - AP - Second Team All State - Courier Journal, First Team All District. Chosen to play in Kentucky-Tennessee All Star game.
14. JOHN MAYO - 6'3", 255, OL, Poquoson High School, Poquoson, VA First Team All Peninsula, First Team All District, First Team All Region, Honorable Mention All State. Scored five touchdowns in goalline offense. Parents are graduates of Morehead State.
15. LARRY SZCZERBA - 6'3", 270, OL, Whitesboro High School, Yorkville, NY - First All Conference Offense and Defense, First Team Upstate New York, 4th Team All State, 8th in state in shot put, junior year - 6th in discus. 410 lb. bencher.
16. JOE GAGLIANO - 6'2", 270, OL, Moraine Valley Community College, Glenwood, IL - Played high school ball at Marian Catholic High school, 2 year starter at Moraine Valley, Second Team All Conference. 400 lb. bencher.
17. LEE PROCTOR - 5'7", 155, RB, Logan County High School, Russellville, KY - All WKC, All South Central Kentucky. Rushed for over 1,000 yards.
18. CHARLES "CHOO-CHOO" DIXON - 5'9", 165, RB/DB, Harrison County High School, Cynthiana, KY - Honorable Mention All State, Harrison County MVP.
19. BRAD PELFRY - 6'0", 190, DB, Morgan County High School, West Liberty, KY
20. TODD CARMAN - 6'2", 175, QB, Casey County High School, Middleburg, KY - All time single season passing yardage record holder - 1,279 yards. First Team All PAC.
21. KEITH TARTER - 6'3", 175, WR, Casey County High School, Dunnville, KY - Leading receiver in Pioneer Athletic Conference. 69 catches for 870 yards. MVP in conference. First Team All PAC. Third Team All State.
22. SCOTT TERRY - 5'11", 185, RB, Henderson County High School, Henderson, KY - All Big 8, All Western Kentucky, Honorable Mention, All State. Missed three games and rushed for over 800 yards. Scored 8 touchdowns.

23. JOHN HAYDEN - 6'3", 195, TE, Owensboro Catholic High School,
Owensboro, KY - 34 catches for over 400 yards.
Honorable Mention All State - junior and senior
year, All Western Kentucky, All Big 8, All City
All Courier Journal.

Bryant knows what her role is on the team and makes up for her lack of height with extra effort.

"My job is to play the best I can," she said. "I've worked hard on my jumping because I'm not as tall as some of the other players and I rely on my jumping ability more than they do. You have to work hard because there's always someone competing for your position."

A psychology major, Bryant says her main concern right now is getting her degree so she can pursue a career in counseling and possibly get involved in coaching. But, she still has something to accomplish before completing her collegiate athletic career.

"Winning the Ohio Valley Conference championship would be the greatest thing in the world," she said. "We're getting tired of being second to Eastern all the time."

In recent matches against Eastern Kentucky and Youngstown State, Bryant showed signs of completing this goal. She scored seven blocks, 14 digs, and three ace serves in a loss to Eastern.

Bryant and the Eagles rebounded the next day, defeating Youngstown State in four games. Bryant lead the way again with 16 kills, 10 digs and four ace serves.

With the impressive statistics she has posted already this season (153 kills with 40 errors in 275 attempts for a .410 hitting percentage and 41 aces, 100 digs and 65 total blocks in 59 games) Bryant could have the Lady Eagles knocking on the door to the championship at the end of the season.

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